

**MINUTES OF THE
TRANSPORTATION INTERIM COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, June 20, 2007 – 2:00 p.m. – Room W015 House Building

Members Present:

Sen. Carlene M. Walker, Senate Chair
Rep. Todd E. Kiser, House Chair
Sen. Scott K. Jenkins
Sen. Sheldon L. Killpack
Sen. Kevin T. VanTassell
Rep. Stephen D. Clark
Rep. Bradley M. Daw
Rep. Ben C. Ferry
Rep. Richard A. Greenwood
Rep. Lynn N. Hemingway
Rep. Kory M. Holdaway
Rep. Brad King

Rep. Ronda Rudd Menlove
Rep. Paul A. Neuenschwander
Rep. LaWanna Lou Shurtliff

Members Excused:

Sen. Ed Mayne
Rep. Fred R. Hunsaker
Rep. Mark W. Walker

Staff Present:

Mr. Mark B. Steinagel, Policy Analyst
Mr. Shannon C. Halverson, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Tracey Fredman, Legislative Secretary

Note: A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1. Committee Business

Rep. Kiser called the meeting to order at 2:22 p.m.

Chair Kiser welcomed Rep. Greenwood to the Committee and gave him time to introduce himself.

MOTION: Rep. Ferry moved to approve the minutes of the April 18 and May 16, 2007 meetings. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Killpack, Sen. VanTassell, Rep. Clark, and Rep. Holdaway were absent for the vote.

2. Highway Jurisdictional Transfers

Ms. Linda Hull, UDOT (Utah Department of Transportation), distributed and reviewed "Proposed Additions To or Deletions From the State Highway System: Annual Report to the Transportation Interim Committee."

Mr. Lincoln Shurtz, Utah League of Cities and Towns, suggested that local governments affected by the proposed transfers be invited to speak to the issue in the October or November interim meeting of the Transportation Interim Committee to ensure that they are involved in the decision.

3. UDOT Long Range Transportation Plan 2007 – 2030

Mr. John Thomas, Systems Planning and Programming, UDOT, distributed and presented "UDOT's Long Range Transportation Plan 2007-2030: Mobility Plan for Rural and Small Urban Areas," and responded to questions from the Committee.

Mr. Carlos Bracerias, UDOT, noted that the long range plan is inclusive of projects which may be completed if funds become available.

4. B & C Road Fund Formula

Rep. Wayne A. Harper expressed interest in having the Committee review the B & C Road Fund distribution formula and the hold harmless provisions to see if they need to be updated.

Mr. Steinagel reviewed background on the issue, referring to "B & C Road Fund Distribution Formula and Hold Harmless Provisions" and "Selected B & C Road Fund Excerpts: UDOT 2006 Annual Statistical Summary" as contained in the mailing packet.

Mr. Brent Gardner, Utah League of Cities and Towns, distributed and reviewed "Utah Collector Road System Evaluation and Estimate of Maintenance and Preservation Needs." Mr. Gardner said there is a need for increased funding of reconstruction and preservation of roads.

Mr. Brian Bremner, Garfield County Engineer, spoke in favor of reviewing the formula.

Mr. Neal Stack, Salt Lake County, commented in favor of reviewing the formula.

Mr. Shurtz, said he would like to see more money going into B & C road funding.

Mr. Ralph Okerlund, Sevier County Commissioner, said he would like to be involved in looking at reviewing the funding formula and agreed that more funds are needed.

Mr. Braceras responded to questions about the allocation of funding for preservation and maintenance projects.

5. Elderly Drivers

Sen. Allen M. Christensen introduced the issue and presented a possible solution focused on confidential reporting by those closest to an elderly and dangerous driver.

Ms. Halverson distributed and reviewed "Elderly Driver Licensing Provisions." She also referred to "Licensing Procedures for Older Drivers" as contained in the mailing packet.

Ms. Kim Gibb, Department of Public Safety, Driver License Division, reported on a presentation given in California of a pilot program regarding specialized testing of elderly drivers.

Chair Walker asked Ms. Gibb to gather information on road testing options for elderly drivers and what the impact would be on the state.

Mr. Mark Ostler and Mrs. Nancy Ostler, parents of Don Ostler, who was recently killed with his five-year-old daughter, Gwyndalyn, in a crosswalk by an elderly driver, spoke in favor of Sen. Allen's proposed legislation, which they would like to call "Gwyndalyn's Bill."

Ms. Tammi Diaz, citizen, said that if driving privileges are taken away from elderly drivers or other dangerous drivers, public transportation needs to be convenient for them so they can still get around.

Mr. Rob Benson, AARP (American Association of Retired Persons), said the primary concern is public safety and spoke against solutions that target individuals based on age.

Ms. Karmen Sanone, Salt Lake County Aging Services, said the issue of safety is not necessarily an issue of age, and that if someone's personal transportation is going to be limited, reliable alternatives need to be made available.

6. Other Items / Adjourn

MOTION: Rep. Greenwood moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.
Sen. Jenkins, Sen. Killpack, Rep. Clark, Rep. Ferry, and Rep. Holdaway were absent for the vote.

Chair Kiser adjourned the meeting at 4:49 p.m.